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Re: Walsh Securities, Inc. v. Cristo Property Management, et al. United States District for the District of New Jersey

Civil Action No. 97-3496 (DRD)

Dear Judge Shipp:

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We represent the defendant Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company in this case.

I write to request that at this time Your Honor conduct a scheduling conference, either in person or by telephone. (If the scheduling conference is done by telephone we would be glad to set up the conference call).

In particular, we request the scheduling conference to set schedules for some application/motions that are already filed or will be filed in the near future. Specifically, we request that the following issues be discussed during a scheduling conference:

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- 1. We have filed a letter application with respect to the length of time of the deposition of a Rule 30(b)(6) representative of plaintiff Walsh Securities, Inc. That deposition is currently scheduled for July 16, 2008. While for reasons set forth below the deposition may be adjourned, we do wish that the Court set a schedule for briefing and disposition on our pending motion.
- 2. The plaintiff has filed a motion for leave to file a Fourth Amended Complaint. As part of that motion, the plaintiff seeks not only leave to file a Fourth Amended Complaint but that the Court determine that if it grants leave to file a Fourth Amended Complaint that the filing of any such Fourth Amended Complaint relates back to the filing of the original Complaint or one of the Amended Complaints previously filed by the plaintiff in this matter. That motion is scheduled for disposition

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on July 21, 2008. Because the relation back "issue" is a significant one the plaintiff has agreed to adjourn its motion for four weeks — which would make it returnable on August 18, 2008. (I fully realize that August 18, 2008 is not a Motion Day under the current calendar, but I believe that the Court can schedule it for disposition on that day). We would like at a scheduling conference to determine whether that adjournment is acceptable to the Court, and if so a briefing schedule for that motion. I would note that I have spoken with Amy Wagner, Esq., about the proposed Fourth Amended Complaint insofar as it appeared to me that it may have had a typographical error in the ad damnum for Count III of the proposed Fourth Amended Complaint, and if it does have a typographical error in it I would ask that the plaintiff either on the record or by letter note the typographical error so that way the record is clear on what the proposed Fourth Amended Complaint will be.

- 3. If the Court grants the motion to file a Fourth Amended Complaint, we would ask that the Court schedule dates for the filing of any preanswer motions directed to the allegations in the Fourth Amended Complaint, and for the filing of any third party complaints or amended third party complaints that may be filed as a result of the filing of a Fourth Amended Complaint.
- 4. We have filed an Amended Third Party Complaint against third party defendants Robert Walsh and Elizabeth Ann DeMola. It is my understanding from speaking to the attorneys for those third party defendants that they will be filing pre-answer motions directed to the Amended Third Party Complaint. We would like a schedule set for the filing (and briefing) of those motions. As noted above, the deposition of the plaintiff is scheduled for July 16, 2008. In addition, the Court has previously set other deadlines in this case. If the Court grants the motion for leave to file a Fourth Amended Complaint (which may generate pre-answer motions, and will generate written discovery) the deadlines previously set by the Court may need to be adjusted. In addition, obviously the defendants do not wish to depose the plaintiff until a determination is made by the Court as to the filing of the proposed Fourth Party Complaint.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request that the Court schedule a status conference to discuss with counsel the issues set forth in this letter.

I am also taking the liberty of enclosing a proposed Case Management Order that sets forth a schedule for some of the items I have discussed in this letter. If the Court does conduct a scheduling conference at this time, I thought it would be

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helpful to the Court and to counsel to have a proposed Case Management Order before the Court and counsel at any scheduling conference that the Court may conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

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